

Development Plan Scheme

April 2018

The next Local Development Plan for 2020

Having adopted the first Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan (LDP) on 27 March 2015, the Cairngorms National Park Authority (CNPA) is now preparing the Local Development Plan that will follow from 2020. The National Park Partnership Plan 2017-2022 was published in June 2017, and this sets the strategic context for the 2020 LDP.

We'll refer to the 2020 LDP as LDP2 for the remainder of this document, which sets out the timetable for preparing LDP2 and how you can get involved.

How to get involved

It is essential that people who live, work and have an interest in the National Park get involved in the preparation of the next LDP. The more people who are involved in the process, the more likely it is that LDP2 will deliver the right developments in the right places to meet communities' needs.

The CNPA is committed to encouraging participation and believes that this input will be vital to inform the preparation and implementation of LDP2. We place a strong emphasis on actively engaging with communities within the National Park in an open and transparent way.

This began with the Main Issues Report, which was published for consultation in November 2017, and will be followed by an additional consultation on the Proposed Plan in late 2018. The last stages include an Examination of the Plan carried out by a Reporter appointed by the Scottish Government, after which the LDP may be adopted. CNPA will invite the public and interested parties to comment on LDP2 at every possible stage in the process.

The **Participation Statement** below outlines our commitment to involving you in the preparation of LDP2. The CNPA will:

1. Ensure people and communities are aware of the process and the opportunities to comment at key stages in the production of LDP2. We will distribute consultation information to council offices, National Park Authority offices and will also disseminate information through Community Councils, our community liaison officers, and community planning networks.
2. Widely encourage involvement using a range of methods. We will publish information on the CNPA website and publicise the consultation processes through the media, newspaper adverts and articles.
3. Produce documents which are accessible, transparent and written in jargon-free language which avoids technical terms.
4. Publish an updated Development Plan Scheme every year, setting out how and when people can get involved in the preparation process.



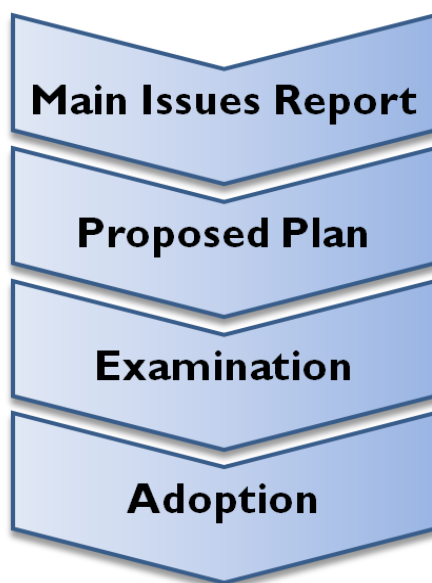
The CNPA board has agreed to standards which are based on the National Standards for Community Engagement. This means we are committed to involving communities in all stages of the LDP process. The CNPA website is the best place to start when thinking about getting involved: www.cairngorms.co.uk

Key stages

It takes several years to produce an LDP and there are a number of stages in the process. The main stages are shown in the diagram below, and the following sections provide an outline of when those stages are expected to happen and how you can get involved in them.

A detailed project plan is in place to make sure we keep to the timetable and deliver LDP2 on time. We have included a summarised version of the project plan at the end of this document for information.

Main stages of Local Development Plan



What's happened so far?

Main Issues Report
When?
November 2017 – March 2018
What was it?
Based on evidence gathered from a Monitoring Statement and other relevant sources, the Main Issues Report outlined the main planning issues for the National Park, setting out policy and site allocation options for addressing them.

How were people involved?
The CNPA held a public consultation on the Main Issues Report and invited the public and stakeholders to tell us which options best addressed the National Park's main issues. The responses to the Main Issues Report consultation will be analysed and used to guide the drafting of the Proposed Plan, and respondents informed.

What's next?

Proposed Plan
When?
November 2018
What is it?
This is the draft LDP for the Cairngorms National Park and will set out policies and allocations to guide development throughout the area. It will also include a Vision Statement, Spatial Strategy and Proposals Maps.
An Action Programme will be published alongside the Proposed LDP to set out how the policies and proposals in the Proposed LDP will be implemented.
How to participate?
The CNPA will hold a public consultation on the Proposed LDP and will ask the public and stakeholders to express their opinion on it.
The responses to the consultation will be analysed and may be used to inform changes to the Proposed LDP before it is submitted for Examination.

Submission and Examination
When?
Submission – June 2019 Examination – Summer/Autumn 2019
What is it?
At this stage the Proposed LDP is submitted to the Scottish Government who will appoint a Reporter to carry out an Examination into any unresolved issues. The Reporter will check that the CNPA has consulted properly before the main part of the Examination looks to resolve any outstanding objections to the Proposed LDP.

At the end of the process the Reporter will publish an Examination Report, which will set out a list of recommended modifications to the LDP.

How to participate?

This stage is only open to people who made responses to the Proposed LDP that the CNPA has been unable to resolve. Most correspondence will take place through written representations between the Reporter and the interested parties. The Reporter may hold a Hearing session to help them consider any particularly complicated or contentious issues.

Adoption

When?

April 2020

What is it?

Having received the Examination Report, the CNPA must modify the LDP in line with the Reporter's recommendations before notifying people who made representations of the CNPA's intention to adopt the LDP and sending copies to the Scottish Government.

The Scottish Ministers have 28 days to consider the Plan and after this time the CNPA may formally adopt the LDP unless Ministers direct a different action.

How to participate?

The public will be informed of the adoption of LDP2 via the CNPA website and press advert. People who made representations at the Proposed Plan stage are informed directly in writing.

Contact details

If you want to be kept informed of progress with the development of LDP2, or if you have any questions that you would like answered, please contact:

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Project plan summary

	2016				2017				2018				2019				2020			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Evidence Gathering																				
Prepare and consult on SEA Scoping Report																				
Undertake Call for Sites and Ideas																				
Prepare Monitoring Statement and other supporting evidence (then update throughout process)																				
Early engagement with Members and other stakeholders on potential main issue topics																				
Main Issues Report																				
Prepare MIR and associated assessments (SEA, HRA, EqIA)																				
Approval of MIR by Committee / Board																				
Public consultation (15 weeks)																				
Proposed Plan																				
Analyse MIR comments and report to Committee																				
Prepare Proposed Plan and associated assessments (SEA, HRA, EqIA)																				
Approval of Proposed Plan by Committee / Board																				
Public consultation and neighbour notification																				
Submission																				
Prepare Schedule 4s and report to Committee																				
Submit Proposed Plan for examination																				
Examination																				
Respond to further information requests / attend hearings as necessary																				
Publication of examination report																				
Report examination report to Committee / Board																				
Adoption																				
Adopt new LDP																				